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FIGHT ON

World War II has ended, but the war against disease goes on. Each year infantile paralysis takes its toll. Its victims--mostly children--need special care to overcome its crippling effects. They need costly medical, hospital, nursing and physical therapy treatments. Their families need to know the proper method of muscular re-education.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and the Jackson County chapter, carry on a constant fight against the ravages of this dreaded disease. The Foundation furnishes grants of money to assist workers in medical schools, universities, hospitals and health departments, in carrying on research to advance the knowledge of treatment, to lessen the dangers resulting from an epidemic, and to combat the spread of the disease. It is always ready to move into any epidemic area with unlimited resources to combat the spread of the disease and care for victims.

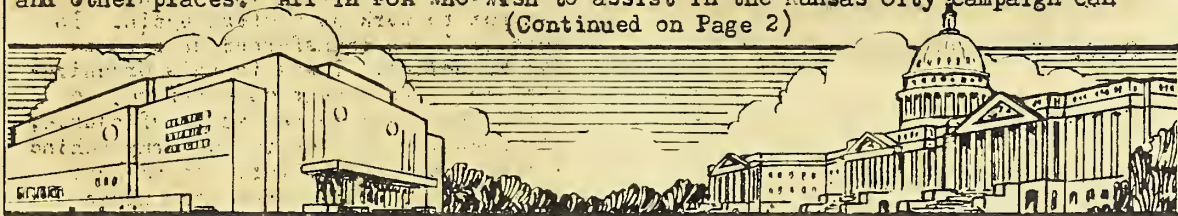
Medical care that is available to all victims includes hospitalization, medical, nursing, physical therapy care, ambulance service, and the provision of braces and appliances.

Your dimes and dollars make this work possible. Without voluntary subscriptions the work cannot go on. The money you give helps in the fight.

A committee in FCA is making plans for ways we can assist in raising funds to carry on the work in the drive which will begin January 21.

You can help by slipping at least a dime a day into your March of Dimes card. You can help by offering to collect funds for the campaign in theaters, restaurants, and other places. All in FCA who wish to assist in the Kansas City campaign can

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Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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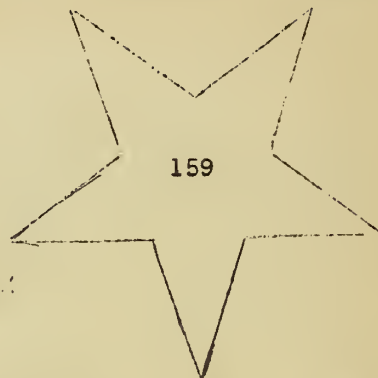
have a part in this worthwhile endeavor.

Your gift of time and of dimes, and perhaps dollars, will help some child to walk, or save another from crippling paralysis. (M. P.)

WITHOUT FAIL

Science Professor: "What happens when a body is immersed in water?"

Coed: "The telephone rings."



Known discharges to date - 71.

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Cpl. Kenneth L. Rice - #37509655
 Squadron A, 400th AAF Base Unit
 49 Fourth Street
 San Francisco 3, California

December 15, 1945

Just a note of thanks for the GRAPEVINE you've been sending my way, which has been appreciated very much. When I last wrote you, I was attending radio school at Scott Field. I graduated from there in July and was sent out to Lemoore, California, for further assignment, but with the ending of the war I was put to work as a clerk again. In October I was transferred up here to San Francisco. I was in this organization for over a year once before, so I was very glad to be back. Of course, I'm spending my time in the army behind a desk and a typewriter, and am kept fairly busy. This paper work never

ceases. Hoping to be back in K. C. before too long.

Orville H. White
Medaryville, Indiana

November 18, 1945
Just to inform you that I am now on terminal leave and will be officially discharged on January 9. When released I was alerted for air movement to Korea as an agriculturist in military government. I am uncertain as to whether or not I will return to FCA. At present, I am enjoying some unaccustomed independence on the farm.

Gertrude Grove, 111 High Street, Luray, Virginia

January 6, 1946
I want to thank the Farm Credit Club for having sent me the GRAPEVINE for these past three years. I can't begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed it so won't even try. The last two issues were forwarded to me from Germany, which reminded me that I should have notified you before that I would be coming home.

I have been a civilian for a month and, believe me, it does not take long to get used to a soft bed, good food and all the comforts and pleasures of home life. In fact, I am enjoying taking it easy so much that I am going to stay at home at least another month before going back to work.

If I don't see you in Kansas City I'll no doubt be seeing you in Washington before so very long.

Serviceman's new address:

Lt. Ira C. Castles
375 Service Group
Clovis, New Mexico

Interviews with returned servicemen:

Elbert Smith, who returned to his position as Chief of Central Office

Personnel on November 19, began his naval career as Specialist Officer in the Management Engineers' Office, Bureau of Ships, Washington, D. C.

The technical work in the Bureau of Ships was complicated, and it was important that each man be placed in the position best suited to his abilities. Personnel utilization and efficiency problems with civilian personnel benefited by Mr. Smith's past experience at FCA. The technical scheduling of work on new battleships was also part of his job. When new ships were needed for an impending naval battle, the plans were sent to "Design" in the Bureau of Ships. Then the Management Engineers arranged the schedules so that all operations could begin simultaneously, and stood by to coordinate and supervise to the end that the ships would be ready in time to participate in the war as scheduled.

Most of this work was "top secret" and not even discussed by the people doing it unless absolutely necessary.

After 14 months in the Washington survey, Lieutenant Smith transferred to the Naval Air Station at Seattle, Washington. This was the principal repair base for PBV's, and the industrial department used 3,000 civilian skilled craftsmen and 3,000 enlisted men. Scheduling and organization were the chief problems here. This base was also an assembly point for air groups. Men coming in for rest and those gathering for reassignment provided constant material for the Personnel Department. The end of the war found Mr. Smith at Seattle, and after three weeks of terminal leave, he was discharged from the navy and returned to duty at FCA.

Kenneth E. Caldwell - On January 5, 1943, the Property and Supply Section lost the services of Kenneth E. Caldwell and
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Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Rowena Moore, after spending one night in a pullman in the Union Station yards, finally arrived in Chicago for a holiday visit... Nora Reynolds' nephew, Lt. (jg) C. F. Cox, Jr. has been assigned to the Olathe Naval Air Base as assistant public works officer.

Administrative Accounts. Judy Ferguson was surprised by a visit from her mother, Mrs. Roy Ferguson, of Liberal, Kans... Evidence that Mary Rossman's husband, Staff Sgt. Stanley Rossman, has landed in New York is shown in the happiness in her face... Les Surginer and Mrs. Surginer are winter vacationing in Weslaco, Tex... A family reunion drew Ida Bousfield to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where there were present two "warriors," her nephew, Sgt. Donald Gunderson, returned from Italy, and her brother, Sgt. Allan Bousfield, of Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla... Ruth Elliott's brother, Pvt. Lee Burris, surprised her and her husband, Dick, with a visit while enroute to Lowry Field, Colo... An intriguing Christmas gift received by Mollie Dubiner was a chest of four bottles of Paris perfume sent by Crew Chief Sam Lambert... Olive Russell is back at her desk after a short illness... We learn that Lucille Miller, formerly of Pay Roll Unit, is the proud mother of a 7-pound baby girl, named Beverly Sue, born on December 19 in Kansas City... Travelers joining families for holiday gatherings include Cecelia O'Donnell in Odessa, Mo., with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith; Charles Snyder in Ottawa, Kans.; Leona Holland in Sarcosie, Mo.; Helen Goff in Hugo, Okla.; Edith Carlson in Rock Island, Ill.; Bob Mills and Mrs. Mills in

Galesburg, Ill.; Lorraine Morava in Wilber, Nebr.; Bill Holman in Stanton, Iowa; Lucille Adams in Roosevelt, Okla.; and Joe and Maxine McLeish near Omaha.

Chief of Administrative Division's Office Holiday greetings from Wave Mary Kindred brings also news of her marriage on December 23 to W. C. Lawson in Groton, Conn... Was Paul Rapp's face red when he found out he had mixed his Christmas packages and mailed his 78-year-old aunt a fancy new cook book and his young niece a book on Hindu religion?

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Ferguson is vacationing with her parents in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla... Traveling partly by car, partly by tractor, and the rest on foot, Ramona Trout finally reached her home in Lawson, Mo., in time to celebrate the holidays.

Cooperative. Our sympathy to Bob Steffey on the death of Mrs. Steffey at St. Joseph's Hospital on January 5. Frances Davis, with the Army Signal Corps in Hawaii, sends greetings to former coworkers.

Economic & Credit Research. Betty Spivey Lockhart's greetings from Memphis to former coworkers contains news that her husband is in the hospital recovering from an auto accident... Marceline Pearson from the Stenographic is detailing in the division during the absence of Dorothy Heckman... Betty Frew had as holiday guests her sisters, Julia Frew, of Washington, D. C., and Margaret Frew Lindenmayer, Jr., former Production Credit Divisioner, and Mr. Lindenmayer, of Fallon, Nev... Joan Miller became a little careless with a Christmas gift and the result was the delightful fragrance of Stradivari permeating the air around room 2107A... Seasonal vacationists include Martin Planting who traveled to Massachusetts to spend a week with his family; Fursnel Underhill who visited his family

in Wichita; and Donald Moore who spent several days in Sayre, Okla.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Jack Frost and Mrs. Frost enjoyed a southern style dinner at Bob Eberhart home on a holiday eve... Gardner Walker's mother is recuperating at her home in Ottawa, Kans. following an extended stay in St. Luke's Hospital... Attendance of the wedding of her roommate in Cleveland, Ohio, was a recent weekend pleasure of Mary McElroy.. ..A. N. Walker is able to smile again upon notification of a "reprieve" of several months granted him in the move he must make from his present home.... J. E. Halligan was disappointed that business took him to Wenatchee, Wash. during the holiday season but he was able to spend Christmas with his daughter, son-in-law, and his twin grandsons in Seattle... An auto could have been purchased at a very cheap price on any one of several recent cold mornings when Les Futrell was unable to get the vehicle to move from its tracks... "Major" Pepperman is on an official business trip to D. C... S. P. Lindsey, Jr., with his family, holidayed in Cabool, Mo., with the senior Lindsey family, and attended the wedding of his sister, Mary Elizabeth, on the eve of December 26 ... Other holidayists of the Season include Eloise Moss and her husband who traveled to Sioux City, Iowa, to visit Eloise's relatives; Ruth Clark who visited her mother and brothers in Fremont, Iowa; and Mildred Talbott and her roommate, Marjorie Childs, who visited Mildred's mother and friends in St. Joe and Savannah, Mo.

Examination. Emma Ree Hubbs, just returned from 3 years of service as a WAC, is welcomed back to her desk in H. P. Mousell's office... Congratulations to the athletic Bartlett family, with George now bowling in the 500's and his son becoming one of Southwest High's basketball stars... "Chuck" Nelson, discharged from the Army, was a visitor

in the division... The \$5.00 jingling in George Olson's pockets is a prize won in the recent bowling sweepstakes.... Mary Nolz, arriving from Minnesota for a short visit in Kansas City, dropped in to say hello to former coworkers.

F&A Executive & General. Lourene Pederson Taylor has returned to her desk following a 2 weeks' honeymoon... Vacationists refresned from holiday trips include Verna Brewer who traveled to Lebanon, Mo.; Ruth McMann to Topeka, Kans.; Nina Stabe to Grant City, Mo.; and Harriette Holdren with her parents to Pittsburg, Kans.

Finance Subdivision. Joan Slusher, new FCA'er is assisting in Securities Section... Congratulations to Marion and Morrill Murphy on the arrival of Mark Stevens weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces, on December 20... Erma Dinger writes that Mr. Dinger is recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation... Isabella McGinnis weekended with her family in Topeka... Photography of John Muller furnishes excellent proof of the enjoyment of the Christmas luncheon held by Securities and Registrar Sections on December 21... Mada Martin found the Ozarks beautiful during the holidays... Welcome to Katherine McNerney, newcomer to Investment Section... Delta Vaughan was called to her home in Wellington, Kans. because of the illness of her father... Charles Bartow is spending a few days of rest at his home... Helen Thorpe spent a holiday with Francis Morgret, former FCA'er and recently discharged from the Marines, at the home of his parents in Edina, Mo... Braving bad weather and heavy holiday traffic a number of vacationists visited families in other cities, including Virginia Bahr who traveled to St. Joe, Mo.; Lucille Barr to Clarence, Mo.; the three Nevers sisters to Minneapolis.; Helen Brecheisen to Garnett, Kans.; to see her sailor brother who arrived

from Chicago; and Mae Gregory to New York to join her soldier husband.

General Files. Alvina Preinkert, returning from a vacation in Washington, reports no butter but an ample supply of nylons...Anna Messinger is back at her desk following a month's illness...A surprise visit by Shirley Ellefson's brother, Teddy, of the Army Air Corps stationed in Texas was a recent pleasure of hers...Two uniformed visitors in the section who hope to be discharged soon were Virgil Bowen and Ellis Short...Elizabeth Ammon quickly recovered from the flu after receiving a call from "her Don" announcing his arrival in the States...News has reached us of the birth of a baby girl, named Linda Dianne, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to former FCA'ers Lucille and Dale Bateman, now of the Navy.

Graphic. Welcome home to two veterans returning from naval service, Willis Vail and Sam Weinberg. Sam will in the near future travel on to D. C. to join the staff of CR&S.

Information & Extension. Flu victims Grace Stoke and James Robinson are back at their desks...A secret well kept until Christmas eve for Mrs. Tom Fritchard was "lucky" Tom's winning in a raffle the beautiful yellow crocheted tablecloth so admired by a number of employees...Holiday trips seemed to give vim and vigor, as well as a kindly outlook, to a number of hard working divisioners, as evidenced recently when two fast walking people, Tom Fritchard and Ralph Foster, suddenly rounded corners and bumped into each other soundly and instead of using harsh words politely apologized. The rested travelers include Ralph Foster to Wichita; Mary Watson to Albany, Mo.; Clay Mobley to Mena, Ark.; Frances Price to Stanberry, Mo.; Grace Stoke to West Plains, Mo.; and Pat McCombs to Higginsville, Mo., Pat, on her

return trip, had the unusual experience of "spreading out" in the baggage car...Marie Puhr who has just returned from an eastern trip is another good example of what a vacation can do for one.

Land Bank. Burton Seanor is welcomed back to NFLA Section following several years of Army service...Bernice Schmitt has been entertaining her mother and sister from Tipton, Kans., on a Kansas City shopping tour...Farewells were said to Lucille Holmes at a party on a Saturday eve at the Southern Mansion as she departed for New York...Is Dorothy Griffith happy, AND HOW, because of the arrival home and discharge from the Army of FCA'er Clifford Gaumer!...Our sympathy to E. Diebel on the recent death of his father in Victoria, Tex...Holiday trips were made by Marjorie Hinds to Topeka, Kans.; LaVerne Ferguson to Pittsburg, Kans.; Clydine Claybaugh to Oklahoma; Arlene Donason to Nebraska; and Dixie Donelson to Bethany, Mo.

Library. Louise Pressgrove was hostess at a dinner party for eight on Christmas eve; and also at an open house on December 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. honoring her two sisters, Misses Jennie Mae and Justina Mullins...Returning from a holiday visit to her home in Ottawa, Kans., Mabel Schweitzer has found her time happily filled with listening to salt water tales since the arrival of a fleet bearing a certain "precious cargo"...Bernice Nilson's brother, Lt. Cliff Nilson, is spending a leave from his Naval base in New York with his family in Kansas City...Among the guests at the lovely wedding of Elizabeth Ann Egy, former library staff member, to Tom Turner at Redemptorist Church on January 5 were Louise Pressgrove, Phoebe Norton, and Lucille Achauer.

Mail. Kathleen Thomas' daughter, Mrs. Thos. Greer, and Mr. Greer, a recent Naval dischargee, with tiny baby son.

Home Service News



FCA EXCEEDS VICTORY LOAN QUOTA BY 80 PERCENT

When the final figures of the Victory Loan Drive were tabulated as of December 31, it was found that FCA employees had made an outstanding record of bond purchases totaling \$250,760 through allotments and cash sales. The central Kansas City and Washington offices exceeded their quota by 46 percent and the crop loan field offices exceeded theirs by 112 percent. An overall excess of 80 percent set a new high record for FCA for the eight war loans.

On January 3, Paul L. Rapp, as alternate bond Chairman, received from the Interdepartmental War Savings Bond Committee the comparative payroll-allotment standings of the various regions in the United States, which showed Kansas City at the top of the list of cities serving 5,000 or more Federal employees. The minutemen of FCA helped materially to achieve this record, as employees of FCA are still allotting an average of 10 percent of their gross pay for the purchase of savings bonds. And here's good news: the Secretary of the Treasury has announced that the payroll allotment plan will continue indefinitely.

WHY THE SALE OF BONDS WILL CONTINUE

Ted R. Gamble, Director of War Finance Division, recently said: "Continuance of the sale of savings bonds is hardly open to question, because it rests upon the secure establishment of two

great facts. First, the Treasury has tried this money-raising device for 10 years and found it good, quite apart from the necessities of war. Second, the people of the United States have found that they liked these bonds very much indeed, and they now have a stake in E, F, and G bonds which amounts to more than \$40 billion. Such a vast investment obviously cannot be abandoned; it is bound to create a continuance, by its own momentum.

"The Secretary of the Treasury has already announced his determination to meet the logic of this situation and it is not out of place to repeat the following from his press release of August 16th: 'We should make the Victory Loan the last of our organized drives, but for the benefit of the country and for the benefit of its citizens, we should continue the sale of United States Savings Bonds, especially under the payroll savings plan.'

"Hereafter, savings bonds will be sold on their own merits, without regard to war."

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the United States Navy gained a young Ensign. Mr. Caldwell was with V.R.I. Naval Air Transport, Patrol Squadron, and much of his work was with "Anti-Submarine." None of us can forget the terrors of enemy submarine activity at the time when almost every day saw the United States losing a freighter, tanker, or passenger ship of some kind to this lurking enemy. That danger had to be stopped, and men like Kenneth Caldwell, in the patrol squadrons, were the ones who got that important job done. While most of his duty was in home waters as a Naval Air Transport pilot covering the east coast from Maine to Bermuda his time was well

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Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

STUDIES IN MURDER by E. L. Pearson
DEATH MY DARLING DAUGHTERS by Jonathan Stagge
YOU AND I by Myron Brinig
DAISY KENYON by Elizabeth Janeway
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED by Evelyn Waugh

Few of the publishers issued many new books during the holiday season; however, they will resume publication in a big way during January. So watch for the following books:

THE KING'S GENERAL by Daphne DuMaurier
THE TURQUOISE by Anya Seton
THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH by Erich Remarque
WARD 20 by James Warner Bellah
MURDER WITHIN MURDER by Frances and Richard Lockridge.

TICKETS FOR OKLAHOMA GOING FAST

If you fail to obtain tickets for OKLAHOMA, don't forget that the club library has the full text of the play in book form and a record album containing all of the outstanding songs.

REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE

Members are again requested not to deface magazines or newspapers in the club room. The most frequent victim is the Washington Post, from which the Federal Diary disappears nearly every time Jerry Kluttz writes an item about FCA. When tempted to clip an item, the erring member should recollect that his act deprives others of the opportunity of reading it. So do as you would be done by.

BOOK OF THE YEAR

In his annual review of the year's fiction, Orville Prescott of the New York Times places **THE WAYFARERS** by Dan Wickenden at the head of the 1945 list. Close behind it were William Maxwell's **THE FOLDED LEAF** and Anne Parrish's **POOR CHILD**. Other recommended novels include **THE BALLAD AND THE SOURCE**, **TAKE THREE TENSES**, **THREE O'CLOCK DINNER**, and **A LION IN THE STREETS**.

You may borrow these books and many more from the club's circulating library between 12 and 1:30 p.m. daily. New fee schedule amounts to only 2 cents a day, with no charge for Saturdays and Sundays.

Interviews with returned servicemen:

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accounted for, and his three years with Uncle Sam were active ones. After his recent discharge from the Navy, Mr. Caldwell returned to FCA and is now with Mr. Hein, in the Reports Tabulating Unit.

STRICTLY PERSONEL (Continued from Page 6)

have arrived in Kansas City to make their home.

Personnel. Teddy Taylor spent several days at home recovering from the flu and is still in the process of recovering her voice...Blanche Stone's holiday trip ended at the Union Station because of transportation difficulties...Carietta Rech entertained at a recent dinner party former FCA'ers Pat Clark of Denver and Mildred Quimby now with the Kansas City Star...Elbert Smith and Gordon Van Leer spent the recent holidays caring for their families who were ill with the flu...A dinner party at the Congress Restaurant given by friends of Jo Gerdes was in honor of her forthcoming marriage...Gladys

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Sportlight

MEN'S BOWLING

S. SWEEPSTAKES - January 3, 1946

At mid-schedule, the Farm Credit Men's Bowling League put aside team competition for an evening and held a sweepstakes. The results, we believe, demonstrate the fairness of a handicap system. Of the eight teams represented, one member of each of seven teams took a prize - all of which were calculated on the basis of gross set. Only Harvesters failed to place a man in the money. The seven prizes were distributed as follows:

Player	Team	Set	Gross
George Olson	Exam.	562	600
Dick Prewitt	Graphic	560	598
G. Van Leer	F. A.	545	597
Geo. Thomson	Bankers	527	583
Walt Hein	Reports	553	582
John Reed	Accounts	483	575
Bill Frazee	Short Term	535	569

Congratulations, Fellows!

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Legal	33	15	28,845
Personnel	26	22	28,352
Reports	25	23	28,147
Purchase	24	24	27,523
Audit	23	25	27,011
Finance and Accounts	22	26	28,047
Production Credit	21	27	26,350
Graphic	18	30	26,954

RECORDS

HIG Reports	740	HIG Carter	201
HTS Reports	2,021	HIS Terry	515

AVERAGES

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Barnes, enroute through Kansas City to the east coast, phoned a hello to former coworkers, Margaret Olson and Dorothy Dyhrberg.

Production Credit. Wedding gifts of coworkers to Madeline Brockman, who became the bride of Robert Lamborn on December 29, include a blanket and an electric broiler...Lt. Col. Lloyd Lynch, on terminal leave after action in Europe and China, was a visitor in the Division...Boxes of Florida oranges and candy were holiday remembrances enjoyed from former FCA'er Emma Lou Peake...Recent returnees from extended sick leave are Gwen Goode and Milt Jones; also back at their desks following short illnesses are Kathleen Belshaw, Don Warburton, and Bernie Uhlenhop...Barbara Massey from E&CR Division is assisting in our midst...Hunters Tom Vandenburg and Fulton Want returned from a hunting trip down south, but there is considerable question as to how and where they got the ducks!

Purchase and Supply. R. L. Crim is happy that his lonesome life, as a bachelor has come to an end with the return of Virginia from D. C...Farewells were said to departing "Pop" Mock and James Green on December 29 at an office party...Bob Letchworth, "in again, out again," has transferred to RFC...Our sympathy to Mary Terry on the death of her father on December 24.

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STRICTLY PERSONEL (Continued from Page 9)

Solicitor's Office. A. A. Goldman has returned from a vacation in Indiana... Mae Reed remains on the sick list but hopes to return to her desk soon... Our sympathy to Mary Suter on the recent death of her aunt... Jean Sutter excitedly awaits a phone call from her husband, Everett, who is returning from overseas duty... Harriett Crawford holidayed in Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn... Betty Ann Canale is back at her desk following a month's visit in Florida with her husband.

Stenographic. Gertrude Gerstner's recovery from a tonsillectomy was greatly aided by the return of her husband from the South Pacific with his Naval discharge papers... Farewells were sadly said to Grace Whiteside who transferred to RFC... Ella Sheehy from the Telephone Office is assisting in the section... Hours of waiting for trains didn't dampen the spirits of holiday vacationists including Marie Hanawalt who sped toward Fort Collins, Colo.; Lillian Wortman who finally reached her home in Fosterburg, Ill.; Kansas travelers Ruth Brecheisen to Garnett and Marceline Pearson to Marysville; and Missouri travelers Jeanne Walkup to Tarkio, Evelyn Sell to her home in Unionville, and Mildred Baum to her home in Hatfield.

Tabulating. The Season brought the scent of orange blossoms as two holidayists returned to the office wearing new engagement rings. Jeanne Gross plans to be wed in June; and Norma Jeanne Talkington on January 19, afterwards making her home in the State of Washington... Welcome home to Floyd Hobbs who, upon discharge from the Navy, returned to his desk on January 7.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Dave Stanley is out of the army and says he hopes to see all the FCA people soon... Ned Cake and Clarence Pike have

already returned from military furlough; and Bert Sisson is also out of the service and came in to say "hello."... Our Christmas party was a howling success.. Santa (Gib Randell) arrived from the North Pole dressed in complete flying suit, and as a surprise he herded in with bow and arrow his "blushing bride," Minnehaha of the Northern Indian tribes. John Heckman expertly played the part, and his costume was magnificent... Right now we are all engaged in our semi-annual pastime--moving, moving, and more moving!

WAGS' Christmas Luncheon

Seventy-five FCA women gathered in Room 1345E for the WAGS Christmas luncheon held on December 20 at 12:15. The playing of Christmas records, supervised by Paul Rapp, furnished the musical background for old Santa's hearty greeting, and a Christmas tree from Personnel contributed to the gala atmosphere.

Laura Miller, Vice President of the WAGS, was in charge of the program, assisted by the FCA Choral Group. Seated before a candlelit desk, Mrs. Miller read a treatise on Christmas customs. This reading was punctuated by the singing of appropriate carols by the Choral Group conducted by Mr. James Fern, whose rendition of "Silent Night" and the solo part of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" highlighted the entertainment.

A huge basket of delicious homemade cookies was the gift of Elizabeth Cawood. As the group dispersed to the time of "White Christmas" each was given a unique souvenir calendar illustrating the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.